"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

If you haven't taken the time to walk over some fields of Red Clover you're cheating yourself of a beautiful sight. The high moisture and excellent fall growing conditions were an unbeatable combination. One of the best stands of clover that I've seen in a long time belongs to James Ford.

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Some farmers may have received a questionnaire from the Virginia Employment Commission. It is my understanding that the questionnaire was mailed all employers who made Social Security payments on their employees this year.

Farm labor, maids and churches are still exempt from coverage under new act effective 1/1/72.

Since most farm operators employ only farm labor, they should reply to the VEC in their envelope, giving their name, employees identification number and state that only farm labor is employed (if this is the case). Those who fail to respond willcontinue to receive follow-up letters.

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Records are made to be broken! The record of the new dairy champion is something to behold; 44,019 pounds of milk and 1505 pounds of butterfat in 365 days on twice a day milking. This is an average of 120.6 pounds of milk per day.

The Washington State owner says it was done on a 12 percent grain mix, hay and pasture. Nothing else!

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Fire Cured Tobacco opening day prices were certainly varied between the markets. They averaged $57 in Lynchburg, $53 in Farmville and $51 in Blackstone. 505,426 pounds were sold opening day--about one-twelfth of the estimated production.

The 1971 Flue Cured marketing year came to a close Monday, November 29th, with growers experiencing the best prices for any season in history. Volume on the Old Belt was down 13 million pounds, the second lowest since 1943. This crop brought $6.5 million more than the '70 crop.

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If you're average you're eating four times as much chicken as 20 years ago.

In 1950 the per capita consumption was 8.7 pounds. By 1960, the figure increased to 23.5 pounds and last year the pounds jumped to 37.8 for each American.

In 1970 Virginia produced more then 69 million broilers, a 10 percent increase over 1969.

How To Reduce Labor Cost

Several weeks ago the South 40 Column mentioned that round bales of fescue hay were being left on the ground in Ohio, thus reducing labor cost.

Warren Coleman, Spout Spring, has been following this practice for three years. In this picture Warren shows a bale of red clover - orchardgrass that was baled in early September. Cattle continue to graze the area tufew bales have been opened by the cattle, J. A. Smith, Extension Agent reported.

On the underside there was some damaged hay, Coleman points out that it's grater this year because of the unusually high rainfhall this fall. He hastens to say that his experience has been that cattle eat all the hay and rarely is any weathered hay left uneaten.

ROMINI HODIERNI CLUB

Latin I Club at Appomattox Intermediate School met Dec. 1st. President Mike Quinn called the meeting to order. There were discussions on various forth coming projects after which Miss Claudine O'Brien presided over the installation of officers along with Carla Varner, program chairman.

All members enjoyed the quiz "Who dun it".

Ricky Wingfield, Reporter

PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	.53
This Month	4.07
This Year	52.69

Egg-Broiler Price Outlook

DEC. 6 – (This is the way prospects for Virginia farm prices looked to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce on Friday. The Department offers it to farmers with the warning that no one can predict prices and be right all the time.)

EGGS

Egg prices should hold if not improve somewhat as we approach the holiday season, but level off approaching the New Year.

Production of eggs for this fall has been about the same as it was last year. As of Nov. 1, U. S. layer numbers were down 1 per cent from the same period last year, but rate of lay was up 3 per cent. Pullets three months old and older were down 4 per cent – giving a 2 per cent smaller potential laying flock than a year earlier.

Prices on the farm last Thursday in Virginia were: Grade A large, 36-38 cents; mediums, 31 1/2 - 33 1/2cents and smalls, 25-27 cents per dozen. Large white eggs in New York were 36-38 cents, and mediums were 32 1/2 - 34 1/2 cents a dozen.

BROILERS

Broilers prices are at a low level, and little change is expected until after the holiday season.

As of November 1, there were 10 per cent less broilers in storage than on the same date last year.

Placements of chicks to be marketed in December are up 5 per cent from the same period last year, and placements for January marketing are expected to be up 1 per cent. Demand should show seasonal weakness nearing Christmas. Competition from red meats remain strong, and turkey supplies are adequate.

Last Thursday's negotiated prices from ready-to - cook broilers delivered to northern markets was 24 1/2 - 25 cents a pound.

OAKVILLE HD CLUB

The Oakville HD Club will have its Annual Christmas Supper Friday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. at Oakville School.

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SPORTS
by Jim Thompson

Rip Gingham 98-58

Appomattox Raiders opened 1971-72 basketball season Wednesday night by whipping over the Buckingham Jr's in a non-conference game played at Appomattox. Victory number one for the Raiders came over this year, when they got off to a 19-point lead and had a 40-point lead. The first half was marked by the shooting of Ricky Gafford who seemed to be all over. He had 14 points in the first half and a couple of steals. He led all of the second half scorers in points with 19 to 30 points.

On the second half, it was Leon Robinson hit for 8 points in the third quarter as others watched 69-4 dropped in 10 points in the fourth quarter to lead a rally for while Gafford scored the third and six points in the fourth.

Robinson took scoring honors 32 points, Garrett 18, Snell and Layne 8 each. Layne was behind the boards with 13 rebounds with 13 taken as they outrebounded Buckingham 52-36. Layne led the Knights in scoring 10 points and Frank Davis was the only other man to score for them with 8.

Shots were hot from the floor they hit 38 of 69 for a percentage of 55%, hitting 15 in the second quarter of 16 in the fourth for their two best quarters.

Leon Robinson had a number of blocked shots and a number of steals. Johnson had a good game on defense and had eight points in the second half.

The Raiders hit 14 from the foul line which was 10 of 20 on the first half of 69 from the floor.

Appo.	20	16	16–58
Buck.	24	26	29–98

Appo.	9	4-6	22
Buck.	9	2-5	20

D. Johnson –	3	2-2	8
K. Gafford –	5	8-11	18
N. Snell –	2	1-3	5
S. Waddell	2	2-5	6
B. Layne –	8	2-2	18
Chambers –	0	1-2	1
Totals	38	22-36	98

BUCKINGHAM SCORING

Davis	3	2-2	8
Carter	0	1-1	1
Sutler	1	0-3	2
Braxton	4	2-4	10
Cox	7	3-7	17
Murrary	2	1-1	5
Tyree	3	1-2	7
Hall	4	0-0	8
Totals	24	10-20	58

Appomattox Downs Staunton River 78-60

The Appomattox Raiders came from behind in the second quarter with a 29 point scoring spree and went on to beat the Staunton River Golden Eagles 78-60 in a Seminole District basketball game played at Appomattox last Friday night. The win gave Appomattox a record of 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the district. Staunton River is 1-1 overall and 0-1 in district play.

The Golden Eagles led 15-11 after the first quarter, but the Raiders came on strong in the second quarter as they outscored SR 23-16 and took a 40-29 lead at the half. David Johnson was the big man for Appomattox as he came off the bench and hit on five of six shots from the floor to spark the team. He was six for seven in the first half for 12 points, Leon Robinson had seven points and seven rebounds in that quarter and Bobby Layne, also coming off the bench had six quick points and five rebounds. The Raiders got 16 points in the second half from Ricky Garrett as the Raiders held a 20 points lead in most of that half. They outscored SR 38-31 in the last two quarters.

Garrett took honors for the Raiders with 22 points, and he was followed by Johnson with 17, Ken Gafford with 13, Robinson with 12 and Layne 10 to give the Raiders a well-balanced attack.

Rick Morgan took game scoring honors as he led the Golden Eagles with 28 points. He had 16 in the first half and 12 in the second half on nine field goals and 10 of 12 from the foul line. Henderson was next with 14 for them.

The Raiders hit on 30 of 61 from the floor for a shooting percentage of 49% to a 21 of 59 performance from SR.

The Raiders had 45 rebounds to 20 for the SR team. Leon Robinson had 15, Ricky Garrett 10 and Bobby Layne, 9. Robinson had three blocked shots and Johnson had two steals to head some of the defense. Appomattox and SR were the same on the foul line, both making 18 and Appomattox shooting 28 to SR 26.

The Appomattox team made 25 turnovers to 13 for the visitors.

In the 29 point quarter for Appomattox they hit on 11 of 20 from the floor and seven of 11 from the foul line, SR hit 505 from the floor in the quarter but the score was out of reach then and it was too late.

ST. RIVER	G	F	T
Morgan, Rick	9	10-12	28
Henderson, Gary	6	2-3	14
Zimmerman, J.	2	0-0	4
Shaw	2	1-1	5
Hall, Ken	1	2-2	4
Holmes	1	0-0	2
Dillie	1	2-4	4
Shoop	1	0-0	2
Totals	22	17-24	62
APPOMATTOX	G	F	T
Garrett, Rick	8	6-3	22
Johnson, Dave	7	3-1	17
Gafford, Ken	5	3-3	13
Robinson, Leon	6	0-1	12
Layne, Bobby	4	2-2	10
Waddell	1	0-0	2
Eggleston	1	0-0	2
Texas	32	14-10	78
St. River	13	16	15	16–60
Appomattox	11	20	18	18–78

Raiderettes Win Over SR

The Appomattox Raiderettes opened the 1971-72 basketball season with a 38-17 victory over the Staunton River girls in a game played at Appomattox last Friday night.

Mary Louise McCraw led the Raiderettes with 19 points for game honors, Sally Harvey and Jane Hix were behind her with seven each.

Charlotte Holdren and Vicky Lantz led SR with five points each.

Appomattox led 5-3 after the first quarter, 15-6 at the half and 21-13 after three periods. The Raiderettes defense allowed SR only five field goals, one in the first half. Appomattox had 10 field goals and 10 of 22 from the foul line.

SR – 3 3 7 4 – 17
Ap. – 5 10 6 17 – 38
Appo Scoring – McCraw, 19; Ferguson, 2; Hix, 7; Harvey, 7; Book, 1; K. Paulette, 2.

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Basketball Games This Week ..

The boys' Varsity team of Appomattox County High School will play Nelson County in an away game Friday night at 8 p.m. The girls' Varsity game will precede this one at 6:30 p.m. ACHS meets Rustburg in a Home game Tuesday, Dec. 14 - girls at 6:30 p.m. and boys at 8:00 p.m.

Junior Varsity basketball players will meet Altavista in a home game at 4:30 Thurs., Dec. 9. They meet Rustburg in an away game at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Eighth grade boys played their first game on Tuesday, Dec. 7, meeting Amherst in an away game - 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 they play Nelson County in a home game at 4:15. Tuesday, Dec. 14 they play Rustburg away at 4:00 p.m.

New Television For Christmas

For Jimmie Seamster (left) there's a new television set for Christmas, gift of the new Super Dollar Store in the Triangle Shopping Plaza and presented Monday evening by Harry Alderson, manager (right). Seamster is from Gladys, one of hundreds of visitors to the new store who signed up for the prize.

MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Country Club	26	7
Parkway Fuel	25	8
Garment	23	10
W & W	21	12
Best Furn.	16	17
500 Club	14	19
Lawson Ford	5	28
Moses Motor Co.	2	31

High Game –Ronnie Carter–150
High Set –David Spiggle–385

LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

Rollingstones	23	10
Topcats	22	11
Flintstones	19	14
Unknowns	17	19
Alleycats	14	22
Mighty Mites	7	26

High Game– Patsy Moore–116
High Set – Carolyn Mayberry–311

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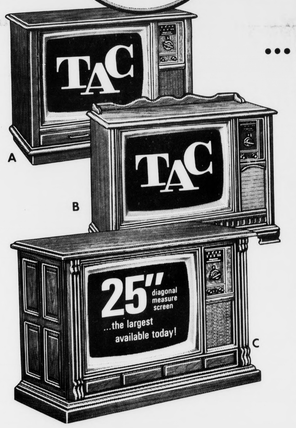

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